

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-country Training Program-Germany

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Germany. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length -12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates - Jun/Jul

(3) Program Description - Normally, two FAOs conduct ICT per year. The program is flexible by meeting specific goals of each officer commensurate with background. Generally, the ICT program consists of: (a) attendance at selected Germany military schools (except German CGSC); (b) orientation tours with German military units; (c) participation in regional and international academic seminars; and, (e) regional travel.

(4) Prerequisites - CPT/MAJ; German 2/2/2 language; branch immaterial; no gender restrictions.

b. Property:

(1) Government - No FAO vehicle. FAO Computer: Notebook Computer 486, SN: , Epson LQ1000 printer.

(2) Privately Owned Vehicle (POV): POV can be shipped directly to Berlin. FAOs have not had problems servicing POVs under warranty. However, recommend first checking with the manufacture to ensure validity of warranty outside the U.S., as agreements may vary.

c. Housing: Housing local economy. FAO receives Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA, included in Basic Allowance for Housing). Embassy quarters are not available for FAOs. Normally, pay two to three months security deposit and two-month realtor's finder fee (if a realtor is used to find a house/apartment). Need access to

large sum of money right away so plan ahead. Rents are high in Berlin. For additional information on OHA and Cost of Living Allowance rates visit the Defense Finance and Accounting Service website at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html>

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The embassy (at the Clay Allee complex) has a health care unit with two registered nurses. Local German doctors can also be used. The nearest major U.S. medical facility is in Würzburg. Dispensaries are located in Grafenwöhr or Vilseck (250 miles).

(2) Dependent Schooling: International schools, grades 1-12, are located throughout Berlin, Potsdam and Spandau. Most U.S. students attend the John F. Kennedy Schule, in the Berlin suburb of Zehlendorf. The British International School in Spandau and the Berlin-Potsdam International School north of Potsdam have good reputations.

(3) PX/Commissary - The closest U.S. facilities are in Grafenwöhr or Vilseck (250 miles).

(4) Banking - Riggs Bank has a branch located at the embassy. When renting on the economy, you must establish an account with the landlord. You will place your security deposit in this account. Consider opening a Deutsch Mark account to pay rent and other expenses. An application for an EuroCard can be completed when opening an account.

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f. Address:

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(2) Message - USDAO BERLIN GE

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3. Additional Information: Bring materials from CAS3 and CGSC.

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